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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
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I. GENERAL

Mbabane experienced frustrating communications outages this month in both classified and unclassified circuits. The Bureau's classified circuit was down for over 2 weeks due to multiple equipment failures. AFCA sent TDY technical assistance and new equipment to bring us back up. While waiting for the support to arrive, the Bureau Chief trekked to Pretoria to send traffic [REDACTED] STAT

The Bureau's unclassified circuit was out for 13 days this month due to State Department satellite problems. All U.S. missions in southern Africa were plagued by this outage, which put both classified and unclassified circuits out, and no one is optimistic that the problems have been resolved.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Angola, Cuba and South Africa finally signed the southern African peace agreement in New York 22 December. Mbabane viewed the signing with mixed feelings, as the protracted negotiations have been a major part of the Bureau's coverage responsibilities for the past 8 months.

B. Cruising/Coverage

1. Harare Domestic Service in English has been unmonitorable since mid-November; vernacular casts in Ndebele and Shona are occasionally heard with very poor reception.

2. Dakar PANA is received with generally poor reception on 16119 khz 1600-1730 GMT. Regular checks of other frequencies have been unproductive.

3. (Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese/English was not received this month. However, Voice of the Black Cockerel is still heard with fair reception.

4. The Bureau has begun preparations for a full cruising check of Windhoek Domestic Service before Namibian independence, scheduled for 1 April. Windhoek is currently heard with very poor reception on 3290 khz.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [] returned from R&R 3 December.

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IV. VISITORS

1. AFCA Technician [] visited the Bureau TDY 15-20 December.

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2. Headquarters Safety Management Officer [] visited the Bureau TDY 30 December - 5 January.

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Acting Chief, Swaziland Bureau